

Helene began her career as a reporter for the Leadville Record and, in 1942, took the pioneering step of being the first full-time female employee of the Washington Bureau of United Press International. Helene began reporting for the Chieftain in 1947, and extensively covered water and land issues in the West, as well as the education issues she cared for deeply in her heart. In 1965, she started Western Resources Wrap-Up, a newsletter designed to update people on issues related to natural resources. Helene also founded the Achievement Scholarship Program in 1973, and has donated to other scholarships to ensure underprivileged children can attend college.

Mr. Speaker, Helene Monberg was a woman of honesty and compassion. Through the years, she proved herself a dedicated journalist and a committed philanthropist. Helene was a great American, a great journalist, and most importantly, a great person. I join with my colleagues today in honoring her memory and her life here today. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family during this difficult time.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 2003

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote for rollcall vote No. 591 on October 30. Had I been able, I would have voted "nay."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RUSSELL TAYLOR

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to an inventor and entrepreneur from my district. Russell Taylor of Grand Junction, Colorado saw a need in the community for cellular phones that everyone could afford, and created a phone to fit that need. For his innovation and ingenuity, I am honored to pay tribute to Russell here today.

Russell recently invented a disposable cellular phone, a phone that does not cost a fortune or require the user to sign a lengthy contract. He believes that many people shy away from cell phones because of the high costs, and intimidating contracts. Russell also feels that people who deny themselves a cell phone, may be denying themselves an essential tool in an emergency situation. His concern for his fellow citizens prompted him to create this disposable phone. Russell's invention provides security and peace-of-mind to many Coloradans, allowing them to stay in contact while driving through Colorado's mountains, and call for help if necessary. Russell's phone is becoming a popular commodity in the Grand Junction region, and many of his fellow Coloradans thank him for the convenience his creation has afforded them.

Mr. Speaker, Russell Taylor is an example of American ingenuity. He saw a need and

turned his attention to solving it. Because of Russell's hard work and determination, countless people will now have access to cell phones, a necessity in today's society. For his creativity and inventiveness, I am honored to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to Russell Taylor here today.

HONORING WAYNE TANAKA ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL OF JAPAN

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 2003

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Wayne Tanaka on his appointment as the Honorary Consul General of Japan in Las Vegas, Nevada. Wayne has been a dedicated public servant throughout his career. I am proud that Wayne has been given this high honor by the Japanese government.

Wayne Tanaka started his career as an educator in the Clark County School District in 1972. He spent 28 years teaching in the fastest growing school district in the country, never losing his commitment to excellence or his desire to give every child an education that would give them the knowledge and character they need in later life. Wayne completed his career as principal of Clark High School in 2001.

Wayne is now serving as principal of the Andre Agassi Preparatory Academy, a charter school dedicated to giving inner-city children the resources and education they need to succeed in life. Wayne's own personal commitment to these goals have made the Academy a success, and an example to schools throughout the country.

As the new Honorary Consul for Japan, Wayne will be able to give his students, not only firsthand knowledge of Japan and the strong friendship and economic relationship between it and the United States, but also a visible sign of the rewards of leadership, dignity, and community commitment. I am proud to call Wayne Tanaka my friend and urge the House to join me in honoring him today.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JACQUELYN SCHICK

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to a remarkable woman from my district. Jacquelyn Schick spent the last forty years acting for the betterment of the people of Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Recently, Jackie announced her retirement from her position as the Pagosa Springs Town Clerk. When news of the retirement reached the citizens of Pagosa Springs, there was an outpouring of gratitude for Jackie's years of service. Because of her selfless and caring nature, Jackie is truly a beloved member of her community, and it is my honor to call her contributions to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation.

Jackie and her husband Gene moved to Pagosa Springs in 1955. After she volunteered in the Town Clerk's Office for two years, the Town Board asked Jackie to hold the Clerk position permanently. As Town Clerk, Jackie was compassionate, caring and dedicated. She always approached her job with the best interests of the citizens of Pagosa Springs in mind, and did a fine job in serving them.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly a privilege today to pay tribute to a woman who has spent her life serving her fellow Coloradans. Although the citizens of Pagosa Springs will miss having Jackie as their Town Clerk, she remains a tremendous asset to the Pagosa Springs community. Today I join the people of Pagosa Springs in thanking Jackie for her service.

REVEREND DR. AVERY ALDRIDGE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 5, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay homage to a very dear friend of mine, Reverend Dr. Avery Aldridge. Reverend Aldridge passed away in his sleep at his residence in Flint, Michigan on Saturday, November 1, 2003 at the age of 78. I am deeply saddened by this great loss, for Reverend Aldridge was an inspiring and positive force for Genesee County, the State and Nation. He was a true friend and advisor. I will miss him greatly.

Dr. Avery Aldridge was born on February 9, 1925 in Widener, Arkansas. He organized The Foss Avenue Baptist Church, located at 1159 E. Foss Avenue, Flint, Michigan on December 2, 1956. Under his leadership Foss Avenue Baptist Church has organized 50 auxiliaries and committees to carry out the work of the Lord. Dr. Aldridge also founded several enterprises to serve the membership and community. Those enterprises are the Foss Avenue Dairy Queen, Foss Avenue Free Clothing Center, Foss Avenue Federal Credit Union, Avery Aldridge Family Life Center, which was the first of its kind to be opened in Flint, and the Foss Avenue Christian School of Elementary and Secondary Education. The Church's current facilities and enterprises are valued at over \$3 million. Through Dr. Aldridge's leadership, Foss Avenue Baptist Church has grown to be a tremendously influential Church in Genesee County. One of the greatest blessings of being a father is to know that your children turn out well. Dr. Aldridge has that blessing. On February 10, 2002, Dr. Aldridge installed his son, Reverend Derek Aldridge, as the new Pastor of Foss Avenue Baptist Church.

Dr. Aldridge made his mark in history when he became involved in the civil rights movement of the 1960's. His no nonsense and non-violent approach helped to calm the tension in the City of Flint, after the 1967 rioting in Detroit. Dr. Aldridge was the voice of the community. He fought for better education and work opportunities, not only for the African Americans, but also for all people. Dr. Aldridge from that moment forward was revered as the Civil Rights Leader for Genesee County. In 1969, he founded the Concerned Pastors for Social Action (CPSA) to rid the community of local institutional racism, and to improve the relationship between the community and the police.